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**Testimony of Roger Smith, Campaign Director, Clean Water Action  
Energy and Technology Committee March 17, 2009**

Testimony regarding

**Raised Bill No. 1132 AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY INEFFICIENT STATE BUILDINGS**

Clean Water Action supports the concept of RB 1132 to facilitate huge efficiency upgrades in our state buildings. We suggest setting a goal of renovating all state facilities to achieve all cost-effective efficiency by 2025. Despite numerous commitments over the years by the state government to reduce wastefulness in government (including the 2001 New England Governors' Climate Change Action Plan, 2005 state climate plan and subsequent directives from Governor Rell), to date little has happened.

We support the approach to essentially use the utilities as financiers for efficiency investments far above and beyond what the Efficiency Fund can support (currently there are caps of \$20,000 per meter per year for on-bill financing for public entities in CL&P territory). We support using additional resources to reduce the cost of government. We do not support double-dipping and using CT Clean Energy Fund money as well, given the severe funding constraints that the Fund is under.

Testimony in Opposition to

**Raised Bill 1133 AN ACT CONCERNING INNOVATIVE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.**

The Energy Efficiency Partnerships appears to be an appropriate vehicle for "innovative energy technologies" which deliver real energy savings but are not supported by the CT Energy Efficiency Fund. We oppose requiring the CT Energy Efficiency Fund, which lacks funding to even fulfill demand for existing programs, to have to support unspecified voltage-regulating technologies which may or may not be cost-effective, or even require any public subsidy.

Thank you for your consideration,

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